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STACKED LIGNEOUS MATERIAL ELEMENTS, IN PARTICULAR A LOAD OF WOOD BY

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Sir:

This Reply is filed responsive to the Office Action mailed in this matter on September 15, 2009. In conjunction with this Reply, kindly amend the above-identified Patent Application as shown below. In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.121, amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Reply.

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